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Notification of Non-Compliant Appeal Brief (37 CFR 41.37)	Application No. 09/533,049	Applicant(s) PARASNIS ET AL.
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The Appeal Brief filed on 11 August 2005 is defective for failure to comply with one or more provisions of 37 CFR 41.37.

To avoid dismissal of the appeal, applicant must file an amended brief or other appropriate correction (see MPEP 1205.03) within **ONE MONTH or THIRTY DAYS** from the mailing date of this Notification, whichever is longer.

EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD MAY BE GRANTED UNDER 37 CFR 1.136.

1. The brief does not contain the items required under 37 CFR 41.37(c), or the items are not under the proper heading or in the proper order.
2. The brief does not contain a statement of the status of all claims, (e.g., rejected, allowed, withdrawn, objected to, canceled), or does not identify the appealed claims (37 CFR 41.37(c)(1)(iii)).
3. At least one amendment has been filed subsequent to the final rejection, and the brief does not contain a statement of the status of each such amendment (37 CFR 41.37(c)(1)(iv)).
4. (a) The brief does not contain a concise explanation of the subject matter defined in each of the independent claims involved in the appeal, referring to the specification by page and line number and to the drawings, if any, by reference characters; and/or (b) the brief fails to: (1) identify, for each independent claim involved in the appeal and for each dependent claim argued separately, every means plus function and step plus function under 35 U.S.C. 112, sixth paragraph, and/or (2) set forth the structure, material, or acts described in the specification as corresponding to each claimed function with reference to the specification by page and line number, and to the drawings, if any, by reference characters (37 CFR 41.37(c)(1)(v)).
5. The brief does not contain a concise statement of each ground of rejection presented for review (37 CFR 41.37(c)(1)(vi)).
6. The brief does not present an argument under a separate heading for each ground of rejection on appeal (37 CFR 41.37(c)(1)(vii)).
7. The brief does not contain a correct copy of the appealed claims as an appendix thereto (37 CFR 41.37(c)(1)(viii)).
8. The brief does not contain copies of the evidence submitted under 37 CFR 1.130, 1.131, or 1.132 or of any other evidence entered by the examiner **and relied upon by appellant in the appeal**, along with a statement setting forth where in the record that evidence was entered by the examiner, as an appendix thereto (37 CFR 41.37(c)(1)(ix)).
9. The brief does not contain copies of the decisions rendered by a court or the Board in the proceeding identified in the Related Appeals and Interferences section of the brief as an appendix thereto (37 CFR 41.37(c)(1)(x)).
10. Other (including any explanation in support of the above items):


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Notice of Defective Brief

This application was received electronically at the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences on February 7, 2006. A review of the application has revealed that the application is not ready for docketing as an appeal. The matters are identified below:

A review of the requiring attention prior to docketing Image File Wrapper (IFW) indicates that appellant filed an Appeal Brief on August 11, 2005 using the format set forth in 37 CFR Section 1.192(c). However, 37 CFR Section 1.192 was abolished on September 2004, and replaced by 37 CFR Section 41.37(c). Accordingly, the Appeal Brief does not comply with 37 CFR Section 41.37(c).

An in-depth review of the Appeal Brief indicates that the following sections are missing:

- 1) "Summary of claimed subject matter," as set forth in 37 CFR Section 41.37(c)(1)(v);
- 2) "Grounds of rejection to be reviewed on appeal," as set forth in 37 CFR Section 41.37(c)(1)(vi);
- 3) "Evidence appendix," as set forth in CFR Section 41.37(c)(1)(ix); and
- 4) "Related proceedings appendix," as set forth in 37 CFR Section 41.37(c)(1)(x).

A substitute brief that is in compliance with Section 41.37(c) is required. For more information, see the United States Patent and Trademark website www.uspto.gov, and in particular, the web page entitled "More Information on the Rules of Practice Before the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences Final Rule."

Conclusion

For the above reasons, it is believed that the rejections should be sustained.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Alina N. Boutah whose telephone number is 571-272-3908. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday (9:00 am - 5:00 pm).

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, David A. Wiley can be reached on 571-272-3923. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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